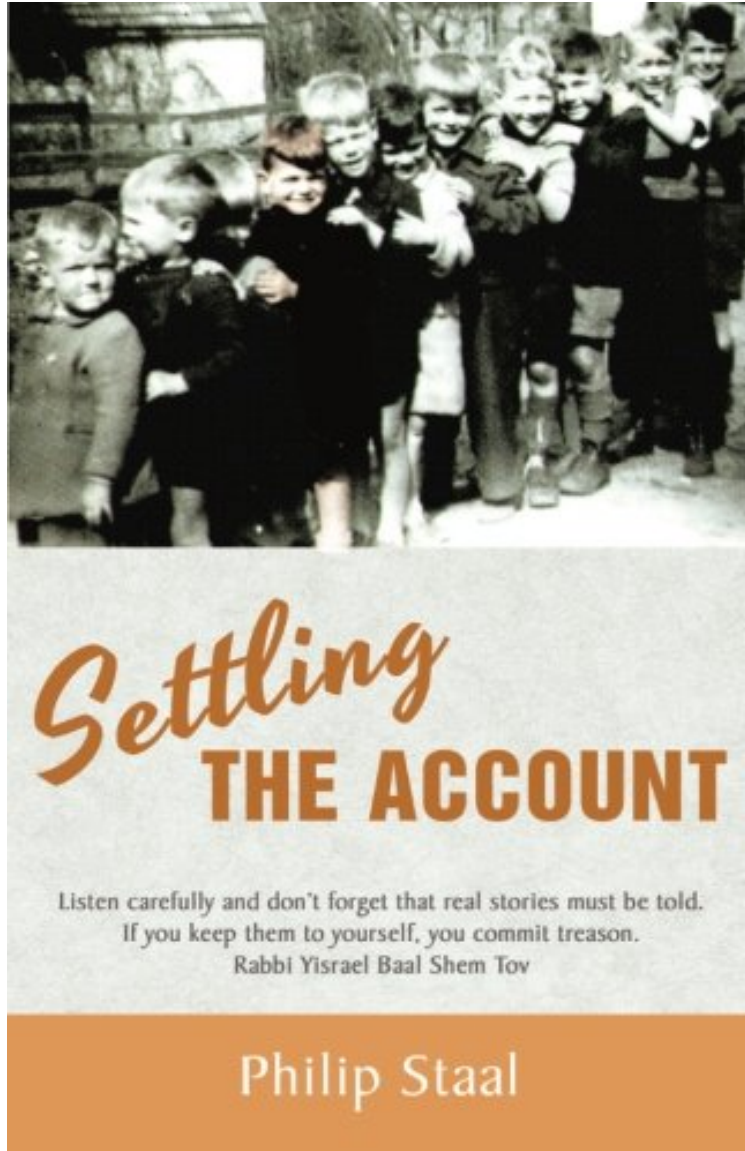


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It was 1942 in Amsterdam when Isaac and Anna Staal began noticing their Jewish neighbors disappearing. Some were taken away by Dutch police. Some vanished in the middle of the night. As the Nazis embarked on a manhunt for

Dutch Jews, Isaac and Anna made the agonizing decision to entrust their children to strangers and seek another hiding place for themselves. On May 21, 1943, the time had come. Dazed with sleep, Philip and his brother were given a last hug by their parents and put in the arms of an aunt who went out the door softly, got on her bicycle with the two tiny tots, and disappeared in the silent night. Sixty years later, Philip was commissioned to work for the restoration of rights in the Netherlands. When looking through archives and records, he discovered the well-kept secret of the war orphans' guardians' organization.

From the Author After having been deprived of my material and immaterial possessions as an infant and, later, a child after World War II, and confronted by ultimate evil, I can no longer believe in order and morality as ordained by God. I do not want to accept that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of Sarah, Rachel, and Lea could have conceived of or wanted this to happen. If that were to be the case, then the Almighty would be nothing less than a devil. My conclusion is that evil is within man himself. Man is his own devil. In this world, one can choose between good and evil. It is up to man to fight against evil powers, in Hebrew known as 'Yetzer hara'. About the Author Philip Staal is one of the signatories of the agreement between the Dutch financial institutions and the Jewish organizations that ensured restitution to the Dutch Jewish victims. Staal, who lives in Israel with his wife, is appointed by the Queen of the Netherlands to Knight in the Order of Orange-Nassau.